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## ALMA

**Events.** Messrs. Garvin and Leo Rock had the disputation on the Trinity and De Deo Elevante respectively, and acquitted themselves admirably.

Fr. Hagemann gave the points for the scholastics' triduum.

The second number of "Alma Studies" was published and very well received.

The Catechism department gave its annual Christmas party at Guadalupe for 940 children. Mr. Small (Ore.) made a most jolly Santa.

The Alma Choir, under the direction of Mr. Perkins, sang at the two Santa Cruz hospitals Christmas Eve and at the community midnight Mass.

Fr. Urusov celebrated the community Mass in English (Byzantine rite) and followed it with a short explanation of the liturgy and of his work on the West Coast.

**Lectures.** Fr. Schmidt explained the program of his Youth Village for the teen-agers of Santa Clara. He was assisted by two of his professional counsellors, Mr. Kevin Crowley and Mr. Ken Fare.

Fr. McDonald from Guadalupe Mission gave a talk on "The Bracero and California Agriculture," pointing out the plight of the Mexican nationals. He gave special praise to the work of Fr. Vizzard in the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Fr. Frank Sheerin spoke to the scholastics on impressions from his recent European trip.

**Improvements.** The hams of Radio Hill have reraised and adequately anchored the tower and antenna

which was blown over in a storm some years ago.

A new sound-proof wall now separates the normal recreation room from the ping-pong, shuffle-board and pool tables.

The foundation-to-weathervane renovation of Random House (villa cabin) is nearing completion under the direction of Mr. Philip Callaghan. The latest addition—a Better Homes and Gardens fireplace designed and executed by Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Krivanek is about to unveil Alma's answer to the satellite-tracking problem. It is a 10 in.-6 in. reflecting telescope and housing erected in the clearing on Radio Hill.

**Varia.** Mr. Gonzales went to Los Angeles to attend his mother, who is very seriously ill. Bro. Griffin's father has also been critically ill.

## NOVITIATE

**Spiritualia.** Brother John Hughes, Coadjutor, pronounced his first vows on December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Long Retreat came to a successful close on December 7.

Father McCarthy gave a day of recollection to the Jesuit Mothers in San Francisco.

Father Charlton gave four conferences to the CFM groups in the area at St. Mary's, Los Gatos.

**Varia.** The Juniors have been publicly commended for their regular trips to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Dr. Thomas Fenyo, head of the music department at Santa Clara, gives a monthly lecture to the Juniors on music.

Dr. James Wade of Santa Clara is giving a course to the 2nd year Juniors to increase their speed and comprehension in reading; two hours a week for ten weeks.

Father F. Sheerin gave an informal talk to the Fathers on the recent General Congregation; though no secrets were revealed, it was extremely interesting.

Father Ransford attended the Wine Institute Meeting in San Francisco.

Recent retreatants: Frs. Schechtel, Maring, Mylott and Prendiville.

### MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

**Spiritualia.** Fr. Phipps of the California Province gave an excellent retreat to the Brothers here at Mt. Saint Michael's from Nov. 30 to Dec. 8. Fr. Sudmeier began the scholastics' tridium on Dec. 6 and vows were renewed at the close of the three days (Dec. 9).

Fr. McCarthy visited a few days and gave the scholastics a talk on his experiences in a Red prison camp in China.

**Sick-bay.** Mr. Tyrell, S.J. (Ore.) returned recently from the hospital. Flu struck a few more Californians and one Oregonian. Temporary casualties were: Messrs. Rewak, Valla, McFerran, Bernadicou (Bid.), Cahalan, and Sharpes (Ore.).

**Improvements.** The scholastics recreation room is being overhauled. Partial upholstery and slipcovers are being done by Messrs. Bowman, Fulco, Longen (Ore.). Other improvements are under the supervision of Mr. Davis. Art work will be done by Mr. Pospisil.

**Varia.** The feast day of St. Catherine, the patron of philosophers, was observed with special honor. Jubilarian, Fr. O'Malley, entertained with his inimitable folk songs and a superb demonstration of the Irish jig.

A disputation was held on Nov. 30. Opponents were Messrs. Brown, Campbell, Davis (Ore.), Moreland (Ore.).

Sunday, Dec. 15, a special Mass was held and said at the Gonzaga University chapel for the deaf of Spokane by Fr. Robinson and sponsored by the Mount's scholastic Deaf Society. For those non-Catholic deaf who attended, the action of the Mass was explained in sign-language by Mr. David Reed, S.J. Epistle and Gospel and prayers were "signed" by Messrs. Richard Pfaff and George Seeber. Breakfast was served after the Mass. The annual Christmas Party for the Deaf is scheduled for Dec. 22.

Christmas time has kept the Mount St. Michael's Choir at its busiest. The Christmas Eve radio show was recorded Sunday the fifteenth. The choir provided entertainment for the Jesuit Mothers the seventeenth. At the meeting, Fr. Rector (E. Lindekugel) who gave a fine eulogy to the parents who give their sons to religion. The choir also entertained the tubercular patients at Edgecliff Sanitarium.

### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

**Meetings.** Father Humphreys attended Conference on Social Studies held under the auspices of the Association of American Colleges at Occidental College, December 14.

Father Rector (Casassa) was host at a dinner at the Jonathan Club for member presidents of the Independent Colleges of Southern California, Inc. The dinner was given to enable the presidents to meet with Dr. Frank Sparks and H. E. Hastings of the Commission on Colleges and Industry.

**Spiritualia.** Father Vaughan gave a Day of Recollection to laywomen at the Novitiate of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. He also gave a Day of Recollection to the Alumnae of the Nursing School at St. Vincent's Hospital.

**Lectures and Talks.** Father Rector gave the address at the Annual Memorial Services of the Inglewood Elks.

Father Humphreys gave a talk on



"The Roots of Delinquency" to the St. Bonaventure Club.

Father St. Sure gave the Christmas sermon and the Loyola Glee Club sang Christmas music for the Church of the Air, a nationwide radio program. Title of the sermon was, "Don't Leave Christ in the Stable."

Father Vaughan gave a talk on the Standard of Morality to the faculty at St. Vincent's School of Nursing.

**Events.** Father Humphreys appeared on the television program presented by Mt. St. Mary's College in the series sponsored by the Independent Colleges of Southern California.

Father Rector attended the inaugural ceremonies for President Davis of Chapman College, Orange, California. Also, he was a guest at the Annual Dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Appointments.** Father Rector has been appointed a member of the Pacific Coast Committee of the American Council on Education. The appointment is for three years beginning January 1, 1958.

**Publications.** Mr. Jonsen had an article published in the November issue of the Modern Schoolman, entitled "The Reality of Culture".

**Varia.** Father Rector served as one of the judges for a scholarship awarded by Barker Bros.

Father St. Sure judged a song contest at Marymount High School, Palos Verdes.

Mr. Arenz, as a member of the engineering faculty, accompanied a group of senior engineers and advanced AFROTC students on an inspection trip of Edwards Air Force Base, the flight test center for new military airplanes. The tour, made on November 22, included the space positioning radar and camera equipment, the aircraft modification base, and the NACA governmental flight research facilities.

Father William McIntosh was a member on the staff of the American College of Hospital Administra-

tors for their first Western Advanced Institute held at the Ambassador Hotel on December 5 and 6. Father talked on "Establishing and Maintaining a Sense of Responsibility." Over 100 administrators from all parts of the country were represented.

The cornerstone of the Malone Memorial Student Center was laid on December 2, followed by a 200 Club dinner-meeting.

Father Harold Ryan was named chairman of the research section of English studies to the 18th century by the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast at its meeting held at Stanford University.

**The Political Problems** facing today's citizens at local and national levels were ably presented to the two-day No. California Citizenship Clearing House conference Dec. 13-14 organized on the campus by Dr. Kronick, in the Delia L. Walsh Hall. U. S. Representative Pat Hillings, (R., Arcadia) and Robert I. McCarthy, a Democratic candidate for State Attorney General, were outstanding speakers. The Conference added to the political picture drawn Dec. 4 by Atty. Gen. "Pat" Brown speaking to a crowded "Ship" audience on "The Young Lawyer and Politics."

**The National Catholic Theatre Conference** was hosted also on campus Dec. 13, 14 by Fr. Brusher, holding pertinent discussions and judging one-act plays produced by bay-region schools. Darryl Hickman spoke on "The Catholic in Hollywood and Television."

**Student Week-end Retreats** were continued by Fathers Rutledge and R. Kelley with groups of 35-40. Fr. William Ryan gave the Sodalists a Day of Recollection Dec. 15. The 16th, Fr. Frank Sheerin brought an inspirational account of the mechanics of the General Congregation; and told of the high esteem of European Jesuits for their American and California brethren. Fr. Pociask gave the triduum to the Scholastics for renewal of vows received by Fr. Rector Dec. 8. Fr. Schmidt conducted

the students' retreat at Brophy in Phoenix; and later addressed the Watsonville Elks on the meaning of Christmas for their annual Charity Dinner, Dec. 11. The Santa Clara University Glee Club prepared the way for "Christ in Christmas" by rendition of sacred carols in De Saisset auditorium, Dec. 16.

**The Silver Jubilee** of Fr. Ronald T. Mentasti, our neighboring pastor of St. Justin's on Homestead Road, was celebrated after Mass with a dinner at the Mayan Gardens where Fr. Mei, representing Fr. Rector (Hauck) tendered felicitations from the University, as did our Deans Dirksen, McKenney, and Parden.

**Meetings.** Fr. Fector with Fr. Gianera attended the Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting at Lakeside, Dec. 4; while Fr. Guenther joined him with the Directors of the California Independent Colleges in San Francisco Dec. 10 to hear guest speakers: Dr. Sparks of the Ass'n of Am. Colleges-Industry Commission, and Mr. Hastings of the Indiana Independent Colleges Foundation. Standard Oil of California representatives recently contacted Fr. Hauck with a check for two \$400-scholarships for the academic year 1958-59. Fr. Rector on his birthday also presided at the President's Christmas Party for lay faculty and wives in Seifert Gym, Dec. 15. He had spoken upon "The Crises of Education in California" to the Y. M. I. Council at Sonoma Mission Inn last Nov. 21; and with other prominent Californians was guest Nov. 25 for a guided tour and lunch at the dedication of the P. G. & E. atomic power plant near Pleasanton.

Father Fagothey attended the Am. Catholic Phil. Ass'n meetings Nov. 29 at U. S. F.; and addressed four classes at San Jose State College during their "Religion Week" in November. He talked on "Business Ethics" to the Middle Management Class Dec. 3.

Fr. Thomas J. Flynn spoke Dec. 7 at U. S. F. Cath. Coll. Relig. Dept's. meeting attended by Holy Names, Oakland; Dominicans, San Rafael;

St. Mary's, Moraga; and Santa Clara. SC was represented by Frs. Earley, Tait, Rutledge, Belval, and Joe Martin.

Thanksgiving Day, Fr. Flynn spoke to Willow Glenn Lions and Kiwanis on "Soviet and American Thanksgivings."

Dr. Hilpert, curator of art in De Saisset, after seeing his pictorial "Memoirs" through the press in full color reproductions of his best paintings with their histories, left to lecture in the East and Canada.

**An Unusual Accident** took place on campus in the early December cold-snap. One of the students walking near the center west front of O'Connor Hall was suddenly swallowed up by the earth sinking under him into a terrible pool of steam-boiling water. Before rescue, he suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns up to his waist. The copper steam piping, replaced seven years ago by Fr. Gianera, is believed to have been opened at a reduction joint by the severe quake of last April. The live steam had been undermining with a pool of boiling water until the student sank suddenly in. He is recovering in the infirmary.

**Scholastica.** Father Norman Martin has received his Ph. D. Summa Cum Laude at the Autonomous University of Mexico following printing of the first volume of his thesis on "The Vagabondi of 16th Century Spain". He will teach classes in history of the Spanish Americas.

Father Carl Hayn with his associates in Physics and Engineering—Professors Drahmman, Pefley and Parden—are attending the lectures on "Modern Physics" given Tuesdays by fifteen outstanding physicists sponsored by the University of California.

Fr. Spieler, Dec. 5th, explained to the Lions Club of Soledad "What Satellites Will Mean to You."

**Good Basketball** has placed the Broncos up in the top ranks with wins by wide margins over Stanford and Southern Cal. The team left for Texas Dec. 19.



**Heroic Devotion** to an invalid spastic grandson led our night watchman, John Kelly, aged 80 and from Northern Ireland, to keep on working for a fund to provide permanent care for the boy. John thought of retiring Oct. 1, but being hale and hearty, tall of frame, with snow-white hair and warm blue eyes, he kept on "for the boy". At 7:05, in the dusk of Nov. 22, crossing Grant Street, he was struck by a hit-and-run driver and died in 30 minutes. His long task was done.

**Varia.** A Religious Census of Santa Clara Town just taken up by workers of the Protestant Churches reveals the presence of three thousand and fifty-five Catholic families. Next single group, Methodist, has 775 families. A Catholic University town of good citizenship, high moral standards and culture, would be a great credit to the Catholic Church—by their fruits you shall know them. What an opportunity!

### BELLARMINE

**Sodality.** Over the weekend of December 6, Fr. Franklin took 14 sodalists to El Retiro for a retreat. These were the ones who were unable to go with the group during the regular school retreat in October.

The Mission Committee with Mr. Mellon as moderator collected and distributed 300 boxes of food for the poor. These were delivered in the form of Christmas baskets to families whose names had been obtained from pastors and Catechism teachers throughout the area. Each box contained more than a complete dinner for a large family. The committee had a problem during the drive: what to do with a live steer that had been obtained and with the way this contribution would effect class competition. It was finally decided to sell the steer and buy turkeys; however a similar donation was not sold. The donor agreed to butcher the hog and deliver it in small packages.

**Forensics.** At the Lincoln High

School Speech Tournament in San Francisco, two Bellarmine boys won second place in Original Oratory and Impromptu; another placed third in Extempore and two Frosh made the finals in Impromptu.

In San Jose at the James Lick Debate Tournament two Bellarmine debate teams performed the unusual feat of meeting each other in the finals. In this tournament there were 21 high schools and 59 debate teams.

Two of our boys demonstrated Extempore and Impromptu speaking at the NCEA meeting in San Francisco.

**Merit Scholarships.** The three boys who placed as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship examination were Neil Bodine, Jim Harrington and Joe Fessio. Over 100 other seniors are now attending special classes (out of regular school time) to prepare for the College Board Examinations. These classes are coached by Messrs. Buckley and Stolz.

**Cardinal.** The Christmas edition of the CARDINAL consisted of 12 pages, well filled with news and special articles. Mr. De Paoli is the faculty Adviser for an excellent staff.

**Athletics.** In an article in the CARDINAL about Jim Josephson, our "greatest" football player, the writer truthfully remarks: "This year the public has heard more about Bellarmine in the sport columns than ever before."

The basketball team under our new coach, Mr. Anthony Pelosi, has made a good start. Victories have been scored over Santa Clara, Monterey, and James Lick; losses to Santa Clara, Lincoln and Fremont. The last two losses were in the James Lick Invitational Tournament and were not regularly scheduled games.

**Ministeria.** For the second time, Fr. Want offered his Christmas Masses at Star of the Sea Center in Alviso. This poor little town is at the southernmost tip of the San Francisco Bay, six miles from San Jose. With the permission of the pastor at

Milpitas, the Center was established several years ago by Fr. Donald McDonald who is responsible for Catholics in rural districts and Mexicans in farm labor camps. The Masses said there were always on week days and usually at night, but in September, 1956, Fr. McDonald appealed to Fr. Rector (Dullea) for help. Fr. Want was asked to take the mission for Mass on Sundays, and that has been his usual Sunday supply. The need may be judged by the fact that from the public school there, the Holy Family Sisters take over 150 children for Catechism every Friday.

Another "opus inter pauperes" is Fr. Costa's Sunday and Holy Day Masses at Juvenile Hall. He is carrying on the good work begun there by Fr. Pluskell and each week has a fair number of Confessions and Communions among both boys and girls.

**Varia.** On the night of December 14th, 360 mothers and dads, among them many freshman parents, came at the invitation of the Dads' Club to dine and dance in our gym for the benefit of our building fund. As they drove onto the campus through a downpour of rain, they were made to realize that we really are building. The space between Kostka Hall and the junior classrooms reflected lights from many small lakes; from the excavations that had been started.

Dec. 19 was Rector's Day, with a goodly crowd in attendance from San Francisco and our establishments in the Valley.

On Dec. 22, the Jesuit Mothers of Santa Clara Valley held their annual Christmas party in the Boys' Dining Room.

The Bellarmine Scholastics spent a pleasant few days at Santa Clara during the Christmas vacation, enjoying the University's gracious hospitality.

On Dec. 27 and 28 the Latin teachers who are teaching the "new method" held a meeting on the campus with Fr. Brolan presiding.

## BROPHY

During Advent, the student body conducted a mite-box collection in all the classes to assist the diocese in the work of establishing burses for priestly vocations.

Father Walter Schmidt of Santa Clara conducted the school retreat for the upper classes. To make it possible for the students to receive Holy Communion each day, the retreat Mass was celebrated at 11:20. During the retreat the dialog Mass was used and this procedure will be followed each month for the first Friday Mass.

The school players presented "Arsenic and Old Lace" under the direction of Father Brannon.

The following teachers have completed the work for their general secondary credentials: Father Fox, Messrs. Brill, Freitas, Griffin, Smith and Sunderland. Provisional credentials were merited by Fathers Colosimo, Gallagher, and Schenk.

Sunday, December 15, the annual Mass and Communion of the Dads and Sons was held at St. Gregory's Church; and it was followed by breakfast at the Phoenix Country Club. The attendance was excellent, and the athletic awards were made at the breakfast.

This past month has seen a great deal of activity in the field of speech. The annual Sophomore Oratorical Contest was presented to an enthusiastic audience. One of the judges was a member of the speech department at Arizona State College (Tempe) and he was very impressed by the program.

Brophy sponsored the first Catholic Forensic Tournament in the State on Saturday, Dec. 14. There were six Catholic high schools represented by the 120 students who participated. Brophy won four first places and several seconds and thirds; and the school was judged sweepstakes winner.

A senior also won second place in the city-wide "Voice of Democracy" contest and he is now entered in state competition.



The Sodality completed a successful food drive for needy families and Father Monaghan and his Sodalists delivered the baskets under the direction of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Ministeria.** Father Doherty gave an evening of recollection for the men of the parish in Mesa. Father Babbish preached on Thanksgiving Day at the Annual Mass for the Phoenix Catholic Credit Union at St. Mark's Church. Father McDermott conducted a Day of Recollection at school for the Catholic Labor Group. Father Rector (Harrington) gave a Day of Recollection for the Ladies Sodality of the parish in Florence, Arizona.

### LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

**Forensics.** Two Loyola Seniors were named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition held October 22nd. They are Joe Grady, oldest of a family of 8 sons, and Tony Hope, son of comedian Bob Hope.

A Loyola Junior, Paul Debot, won 6th place in the Hearst History Contest of November 12th. Ten other students won special Achievement awards. Loyola's Freshman Elocution contest was won by Raoul De-deaux, son of the U.S.C. baseball coach. His blue-ribbon recitation was "Casey at the Bat".

On November 16th, Loyola was host to the city's Catholic high schools for the Catholic Forensic League's autumn tournament. The Loyola students won 5 gold medals and walked off with the grand trophy award.

A week later Loyola University hosted the Fall Tournament of the Southern California Debating League. There were 7 events and Loyola placed in all 7. Our students were awarded 3 more gold medals and united as a team to capture the coveted Sweepstakes trophy. In doing this they topped 31 other schools from all over the city. The successful speech coaches were Messrs. Mathewson, Germann, and Buckenmeyer.

**Events.** The proceeds to this year's Thanksgiving raffle went to three worthy causes: a new school banner, new sweaters for the cheer leaders, and the balance to the Hungarian Jesuit, Father Toth, toward the printing press he requested to keep him in touch with Hungarian refugees everywhere.

The annual Christmas drive for food brought in more than 26,000 cans for the poor. These were joyfully distributed to needy families by the Helpers of the Holy Souls.

On December 8th the Henry Welch Guild served their annual Christmas dinner to more than 600 people. The affair filled the new gym to capacity. Our community were their honored guests. The Loyola Glee Club, directed by Mr. Rolis, put on a delightful concert with varied selections that drew from the large parental audience round after round of applause. Mrs. Francis, Guild president, presented Father Rector (Plushkell) with a check for \$2,000.

The Jesuit Mothers and Dads held their annual Christmas Party in the auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 15th. The Jesuit Fathers, Scholastics, and Brothers were the guests of honor. The Glee Club again provided joyful music, this time singing a group of lively Christmas carols. Suddenly Santa Claus appeared and the many small children present ran up to him for their presents. Gifts were also distributed to the Jesuits present. Father Rector and Father Casassa, President of Loyola University, then extended warm thanks to all and cordial Christmas greetings.

**Ministeria.** Father Rector gave an 8 Day Retreat to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, a triduum to the Holy Name Sisters of St. Gregory's Parish, and a Day of Recollection to the Fifty-Fifty Club of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Father Lester gave a triduum to the Sisters of the Social Service. Father Richardson gave a triduum to the Sisters of the Holy Names. Father John Shepherd gave the Renovation Triduum to our Scholastics and a Day of Recol-

lection to the Sodalists. Father Sargent gave a Day of Recollection to the Sisters of St. Bernadette's Parish, and several talks to the Hollywood Council of the Knights of Columbus, including the Columbus Day talk at their dinner.

**Sports.** Football coach John Framp-ton resigned after directing our teams the past two years. At the present writing five coaches have expressed interest in the job and are now being interviewed.

Our varsity basketball team has won 4 and lost 4 practice games. Messrs. Cooney and Short are coaching our Bee and Cee teams.

In track, Fathers Duggan and Sargent ran a successful series of intramural meets called the Little Olympics.

Al Forthmann, '53, is our new Varsity baseball coach. Last year he was player-coach for Salinas in the California State League. He replaces Father Bernard Brannon, who last year won the Catholic League Championship. Father will now be able to devote his time and energy to his successful counselling duties.

**Private Retreats.** Fathers Bassett, Joseph Donovan, and McCoy made retreats here. Father Bassett has joined our community, and Father McCoy will be with us during his period of convalescence.

**Out-of-Province Visitors.** Father James Montenegro (Philippines) now studying at the Catholic University. Father Michael Scott (Australia) here in the United States on a Carnegie Grant to study contemporary church architecture. Father Erwin Toner (Oregon) spent a few days with us for medical consultation.

## FRESNO

**Events.** Veterans' Day Excursion—Father Brady, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Reilly accompanied the seminarians on an excursion to Coalinga. In the afternoon, a hike was organized under Father Brady's direction. Destination was the cave where Joaquin Murietta once made his hide-out. In the evening, a dinner, barbecue

style, was served to us all by Msgr. Keenan, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Coalinga.

Maestro Fernando Germani, one of the Vatican organists, gave an organ recital to music lovers in the Fresno area, in the seminary chapel of St. Anne. The concert was well attended, and equally well received.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, the seminarians returned home for a short visit with their families. Mr. Anthony Korenak, father of Joseph Korenak, one of the seminarians, died suddenly just before the Thanksgiving holidays. The faculty and the seminarians attended his rosary Tuesday, November 26. The faculty and those of the seminarians who are from the Fresno area also attended his burial. R. I. P.

Father Geary attended the American Philological Society's Pacific Coast meeting at Stanford University.

Father Brady attended the University of Notre Dame, Fresno chapter, alumni's banquet as guest chaplain.

Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast was celebrated at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium on December 1. The faculty and the seminarians attended the solemn services. Two seminarians, Ken Jones and Leonard Castagna, were pictured in the **Central California Register's** coverage of the ceremonies.

Father Brady, Mr. Roach and the seminarians journeyed into the snows at Grant's Grove for the first snow picnic of the semester.

December 19: The seminarians produced, staged, and directed their own Christmas show. It was even more successful than their Hallowe'en production.

**Spiritualia.** Father Fabris, spiritual father, conducted the triduum for the scholastics.

Father Magiaria, S. D. B., conducted a day of recollection for the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master, the sisters assigned to care for the laundry, the kitchen, and the chapel at the seminary.

**Visitors.** Father Mei visited with



us while speaking to the seniors at neighboring San Joaquin Memorial High School on the subject of college entrance requirements.

Father Twigg-Porter also stayed with us for a few days while consulting with local pastors about the Apostleship of Prayer devotion in their parishes. Father also managed to squeeze in a talk to our Sodalist seminarians, telling them of the devotion's importance and of its complementary nature to the Sodality program and devotion to the Sacred Heart. The seminarians as future priests in the diocese's parishes were much impressed by what Father had to say.

### EL RETIRO SAN INIGO

**Retreat Record** from mid-November to mid-December:

Nov. 21-24: Retreatants 87; Retreat Master, Fr. O'Mara.

Nov. 25-27: Retreatants, 37 Serra High Seniors; Retreat Master, Fr. B. Sheerin.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1: Retreatants, 90; Retreat Master, Fr. Eugene Toner. This post-Thanksgiving retreat is very popular and is sponsored by the YMI.

Dec. 5-8: Retreatants, 71; Retreat Master, Fr. Mallon.

Dec. 6-8: Retreatants, 13 Bellarmine Sodalists; Retreat Master, Fr. Franklin.

Dec. 12-15: Retreatants, 53; Retreat Master, Fr. Z. Maher. This pre-Christmas retreat is regularly captained by Dr. Charles Hobrecht, and was his 25th retreat at El Retiro.

**The Annual Captain's Dinner** was held in Phelan Hall the evening of Dec. 3; some 130 captains and aides were in attendance. The address of the evening was made by Fr. John Lally, director of Vallombrosa Retreat House. The El Retiro citation for outstanding work in the promotion of retreats during the year was awarded to Messrs. J. Barrett, Fred-eric B. Butler, Paul Chirone, Harry Downey, Daniel A. Driscoll, George A. Glover, Richard J. McCarthy, John B. Spaulding, and Don A. Welsch.

**Ministeria Extra Domum:** Fr. G. Leahy, 8 day retreat, Good Shepherd Nuns, Phoenix; 3 day retreat, Marymount students, Santa Barbara; Fr. Z. Maher: Serra Club luncheon San Jose; Ladies Retreat, Cenacle, Sacramento. Fr. Rooney, Triduum, Holy Names Nuns, Marin County.

**Visitors.** Father Francis Sheerin spent an evening with the community giving an interesting account of the recent General Congregation.

Fr. Ambrose Hanlon was a brief visitor.

**Private Retreats** were made by Fathers John Huesman, Herold, Bronlon, Hauck, Howard, Waggener, Norman, Martin, Frank Dunn and Fr. Murphy, a diocesan priest.

**Christmas Appointments** to date are as follows: Fr. Amirat, Corpus Christi, Niles; Fr. Dondero, St. Joseph's, Mountain View; Fr. Giambastiani, St. Francis, Bakersfield; Fr. Z. Maher, Flintridge Academy, Pasadena; Fr. McGinty, St. Dunstan's, Millbrae; Fr. McIntosh, St. Cornelius, Richmond; Fr. Rooney, St. Joseph's, Alameda; Fr. Silva, St. Brigid's, San Francisco; Fr. Waggener, St. Aloysius, Palo Alto; Fr. O'Mara, El Retiro; Fr. Leahy, St. Simon's, Mountain View.

### HOLY FAMILY

**Festive Gatherings.** The Pastor (Father Roccati) hosted some Valley Jesuits for Thanksgiving; and on December 11, the pastor being away, the assistants did the same for some Valley Jesuit assistant pastors.

The average Mass-attendance on Sunday (Oct. 1957) proved to be 1,301 adults and 482 children.

**Guest Preachers.** Father Preston preached here at all the Masses on Nov. 10th for the Jesuit Seminary Association. Father Chas. McCarthy did the same for the Jesuit Missions on Nov. 17, netting \$348.

During the latter part of November, steeplejacks refurbished the church cupola and the upper part of the church roof.

**Real Thanksgiving.** The special

Mass on Thanksgiving Day found a crowded church (like the other churches of San Jose).

The results of the Thanksgiving clothing collection were 32 cases of processed clothes.

**Saints from Italy.** Feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 6) Solemn High Mass. It is customary for devotees of St. Nicholas to receive after Mass a loaf of St. Nicholas bread (small loaf, about the size of a fist). On the Feast of St. Lucy (Dec. 13, "Santa Lucia") Solemn High Mass. This is the day when the statue of St. Lucy is gloriously illuminated with innumerable candles and lamps, the day, also, on which devotees of this saint do NOT eat bread.

**Baptismal Bottlenecks.** The increasing number of baptisms has caused two developments, viz., it is now impractical to give individual service, so that doubling up is the usual thing; and Saturday afternoon is becoming just as popular as Sunday for baptism.

**From Nothing.** Our converts are not many (we can give them individual instruction) but they are almost exclusively people of no religious affiliations or of very tenuous ones. Their acquaintance with the Bible is less than that of the average Catholic.

**Spanish Dept.** A novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) was preached each evening by Father Peña. The evening services began with Mass each evening at 7:00 (permission for this was readily granted). The novena was very well attended. On the feast itself, 6:00 a. m. found a church full of Spanish-speaking people serenading Our Lady with the traditional Mexican hymns ("mañanitas"). The Solemn High Mass in the evening (crowd overflowing to the sidewalk) was preceded by the usual procession, was celebrated by Father Manterola (from St. Joseph's parish) and was high-lighted by the solemn enrollment of 280 members (one third being men) into the Sodality of Our

Lady of Guadalupe ("Sociedad Guadalupeana").

**Cor juvene in corpore senili.** During a recent Nuptial Mass a 70 year old bachelor American born Italian (not Spanish-speaking) entered the sea of matrimony with a spinster in her late fifties Mexican-born (not English- or Italian-speaking).

## ST. MARY'S, SAN JOSE

On the day before Thanksgiving, Bishop Francis Gleeson, S.J., of Alaska paid us a welcome and pleasant visit. The Bishop had the highest praise for the many Alma alumni now working in Alaska. He also had words of praise and thanks for those who trained these men in their theological studies. It was nice to hear a word of sincere praise from a successor of the Apostles. The visit of Bishop Gleeson could prompt the unmitigated nearer home to visit St. Mary's campus, which really has a good number of students.

Just opposite the church stands St. Mary's School, with its spacious playground and over 400 pupils. Adjoining the church is Notre Dame High School with 600 students. The spiritual care of all these students is entrusted to the St. Mary's staff. Since Notre Dame High School has no chapel for so many students, the church of St. Mary's is also the chapel of Notre Dame. Here are held the annual retreats and days of recollection for Notre Dame High. And it is quite edifying to see so many Notre Dame students, going to Mass especially on First Fridays. Edifying also to see many of these students paying a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, going to and returning from school and classes.

Recently, Fr. Newport gave a rather inspiring retreat in St. Mary's church to the junior and senior students of Notre Dame.

San Jose State, just one block from St. Mary's, now has almost 12,000 students. Of this number over 5,000 are Catholics. More Catholics attend San Jose State than are found in any Catholic college in



California. The spiritual care of so many Catholic students is entrusted to the Newman Club and to the parishes near the college.

## HSINCHU

Father Stevenson gave the community a scare when a mild stomach disorder developed into an acute case of something strongly resembling appendicitis. He was rushed to the best hospital on the island but half way on the road a tire blew out. After this excitement it occurred to Father that the pain was gone. Result: a pleasure trip to Taipei.

Mr. Saso duly impressed the student body of one of the local teachers' schools with a lecture on Mozart. He was invited back next week. When not lecturing, Mr. Saso is busily engaged in the production and direction of a puppet show about Christmas that is sure to wow Hsinchu's puppet-loving population.

The annual All Souls' Day procession threaded its way through Hsinchu's busy streets on its way to the cemetery where we commemorated our Catholics departed.

A new mission chapel has been erected at St. Peter's parish to accommodate Pastor, Father Brennan's growing parish. The building is a combination chapel, kindergarten and residence.

## SAN FRANCISCO

**Visitors.** The Provincial of Colombia and one of the delegates from Australia spent a few days with us on their return from the General Congregation. Father Gatz, from Manila, also stayed a short time on his return from the Orient. Fr. Vachon was here for the holidays from New York.

**Meetings.** Fr. Monihan was host for the meeting of the Northern California unit of the Catholic Library Association held at U.S.F.

Fr. Geary attended the meetings of the Philological Association at Stanford.

Practically the entire high school faculty attended the meetings of the regional NCEA held at Riordan High.

Mr. Torrens and Mr. McNamara attended the National Catholic Theatre Conference at Santa Clara. Six high school students staged a scene from the school's recent production.

**Events.** Fr. Boss has been appointed Public Member of the Joint Industrial Board of the Electrical Industry in San Francisco. He has also been appointed Public Member of the Pension Board of the same industry.

Fr. A. Corcoran was injured in an automobile accident while on the way to help at a parish church. His collar-bone was broken. He is home from the hospital, but has a cast to aid the recovery.

The High School staged "The Royal Assassins", an adaptation of Richard III, under the direction of Messrs. Torrens and McNamara.

**Spiritualia.** Fr. John Cosgrave gave the points for the renovation triduum.

The usual amount of assistance was given by members of the community to the various parishes and religious communities of women during the holidays.

## VARIA

**Recent Deaths.** Father John Astocker (Ore.), at Sheridan, Dec. 15. Father Joseph Ayd (Md.) at Baltimore, Dec. 3. Brother Joseph Kremer (Chi.) at Chicago, Dec. 7. Fr. Thomas C. Hughes (NY), Dec. 17, in New York City.

You are also asked to remember in your prayers and Masses the repose of the souls of the sister of Brother Michael Walsh and the mother of Novice Brother Catudal.

